

## SIX SECREST WARDLE ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN NAMED TO *HOURLY DETROIT* 2016 LIST OF “THE TOP WOMEN ATTORNEYS IN MICHIGAN”

**Caroline A. Grech-Clapper, Executive Partner, Troy**, is a member of Secrest Wardle's Employment, Family Law, and Premises Liability Practice Groups. Ms. Grech-Clapper received her Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors from



Madonna University and her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2001, as well as the United States District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Michigan. Ms. Grech-Clapper was named by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* to the list of “Women in the Law 2014.” Members were selected by a committee based upon their outstanding professional accomplishments, mentoring of others, and community involvement.

Ms. Grech-Clapper currently serves as Vice-President of the Women Officials Network (WON) Foundation. The WON organization is dedicated to encouraging women to become involved in public policy through elected and appointed office. Ms. Grech-Clapper has also served WON Foundation as a Director. Ms. Grech-Clapper has been nominated for the Excellence in Advocacy Award in 2014 and 2015, in the category “Excellence in a Campaign for Women Serving

Women.” Caroline A. Grech-Clapper was named to the 2015 Michigan Super Lawyers list by Michigan *Super Lawyers* magazine.

**Sarah L. Walburn, Executive Partner, Grand Rapids**, is a member of Secrest Wardle's General Negligence, Insurance Coverage, Motor Vehicle Litigation, and Premises Liability Practice Groups. Ms. Walburn received her Juris Doctor from



Valparaiso University School of Law in 2004. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and the Federal Bar in 2004. Ms. Walburn received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 2001.

Ms. Walburn is a published author in *DRI Magazine*, *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, and the *Michigan Bar Journal*. She is also a contributor to the *ICLE Basic Practice Handbook*, as well as a presenter in an ICLE webinar, “Ins and Outs of Informal Discovery”. Ms. Walburn serves as co-chair of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel General Liability Section. She is also a Litigation Section Committee Member with the Grand Rapids Bar Association. Ms. Walburn has been named to the list of Michigan *Rising Stars* in *Super Lawyers* magazine for 2014 and 2015. Sarah L. Walburn has also been named to the 2015 list of “The Top Women Attorneys in Michigan” in *Hour Detroit*.

**Kellie C. Joyce, Partner, Troy**, is a member of Secrest Wardle's Construction, Motor Vehicle Litigation, and Premises Liability Practice Groups. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2006.



She received her Bachelor of Arts with dual concentrations in English and Political Science from the University of Michigan in 2003. Ms. Joyce was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2006 and subsequently admitted to practice before the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan in 2006. She is an active member of the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association.

Ms. Joyce has been named to the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Michigan *Rising Stars* lists by Michigan *Super Lawyers* magazine. Ms. Joyce was also named to the 2014 and 2015 lists of “The Top Women Attorneys in Michigan” in *Hour Detroit*.

**Krystal D. Hermiz, Partner, Troy**, is a member of Secrest Wardle's Motor Vehicle Litigation and Premises Liability Practice Groups. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Michigan in 2004 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2008. Mrs. Hermiz was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in November of 2008 and subsequently admitted to practice before the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan in December of 2008. She is an active member of the State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Association, and is a former President of the Chaldean American Bar Association.



Mrs. Hermiz has been named to the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Michigan *Rising Stars* lists by Michigan *Super Lawyers* magazine. Mrs. Hermiz was also named to the 2014 and 2015 lists of "The Top Women Attorneys in Michigan" in *Hour Detroit*.

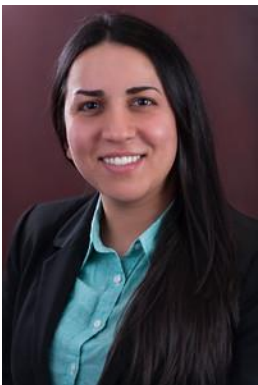
**Alison M. Quinn, Partner, Troy**, is a member of Secrest Wardle's Appellate and Motor Vehicle Litigation Practice Groups. Ms. Quinn received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Wayne State University in 2003, and earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Michigan State University College of Law in 2008. While in law school, Ms. Quinn served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Michigan State Law Review*. She was admitted to practice law in the State of Michigan in 2008.



Ms. Quinn currently serves as co-chair of the Motor Vehicle Litigation Practice Group. In this leadership role, she directs the strategies and collective undertakings of the group. She serves as mentor to associate attorneys and oversees authorship of all articles written for the Motor Vehicle Practice Group's newsletter, *No Fault Newsline*.

Ms. Quinn has been selected to the list of Michigan Rising Stars in *Super Lawyers* magazine for 2014 and 2015. Ms. Quinn has also been named to the 2015 list of "The Top Women Attorneys in Michigan" by *Hour Detroit*. Additionally, she has been named to the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* list of 2015 "Up & Coming Lawyers." Ms. Quinn serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors of Operation Give, a non-profit foundation that provides for youth in the Metro Detroit area.

**Renee T. Townsend, Partner, Troy**, is a member of Secrest Wardle's Employment, General Negligence, Insurance Coverage, Motor Vehicle Litigation, and Premises Liability Practice Groups. Ms. Townsend was admitted to practice law in the State of Michigan and the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, in 2010. Ms. Townsend earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2007, with a concentration in Legal Studies. She received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2010. She was recognized by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges in 2010 and received several Excellence for the Future Awards from The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI).



Ms. Townsend has been named to the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Michigan *Rising Stars* List by Michigan *Super Lawyers* magazine. Ms. Townsend was also named to the 2014 and 2015 lists of "The Top Women Attorneys in Michigan" in *Hour Detroit*. Additionally, Ms. Townsend has received an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

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Secrest Wardle is a law firm specializing in defense litigation and counsel for insurance, municipal, and commercial clients headquartered in Troy, Michigan, with additional offices in Grand Rapids and Lansing.

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